AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are importing wheat seeds;

(b) if so, the reasons for importing wheat seeds and the countries from which they have been imported;

(c) the quantity of wheat seed imported during the last two years and foreign exchange spent; and

(d) the details of measures taken by Government to ensure that seed imported is of very high quality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) NIL.

(d) Question does not arise.

Reorganisation of Cooperatives in A.P.

2844. SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent any scheme regarding the reorganisation of the cooperative institutions in the State;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The proposal is to integrate the short term and long term cooperative credit structures are also to reorganise the existing 3-tier cooperative marketing structure into a two tier structure, with a view to providing credit and other services to the farmers through a single-window.

Since the implementation of the concept of a single-window approach in the entire State involves financial, organisational and administrative implications, it has been considered advisable to introduce a pilot project to begin with, for integration of short term and long term cooperative credit structures in a small area in the State, after working out the modalities in consultation with the State Government, the Reserve Bank of India and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development.

Telecasting of a rock music programme by Bob Geldot on Doordarshan

2845. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently a rock music programme organised by Bob Geldot for the Agency for International Development was telecast on Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the amount paid for telecasting the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Doordarshan had provided 1½Hrs. live coverage to the programme 'LIVE AID' held in U.K. and USA on the 13th July 1984, in aid of famine striken people of Ethiopia. Doordarshan have also obtained 5 Hrs. of deferred coverages of the said programme for telecast on the national network. A total expenditure of Rs. 7,42,822.35 has been incurred on these coverages.